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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Evan McCONNELL et al.		)		
Serial No.:	09/917,776	)	Group:	TBA
Filed:	July 31, 2001	)	Examiner:	TBA
For:	MOBILE TEACHING SYSTEM	)	Atty Dkt:	5131.00003

## **DECLARATION OF JOSEPH P. CURTIN**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

- I, Joseph P. Curtin, of 6517 Evensong Mews, Columbia, Maryland 20144-6064, do hereby declare the following:
- 1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. As part of my responsibilities, I coordinate obtaining signatures of inventors for declarations and assignments.
- 2. For the above-captioned patent application, I attempted to obtain the signatures of the following three (3) individuals of the eight (8) individuals listed on the declaration:

Joseph Caporaletti; William Singleton; and Tex Rubinowitz.

3. On December 12, 2001, I sent a certified letter, return receipt requested, (Certified Label No. 7001 0360 0002 4956 0584) (See Tab A) to Joseph Caporaletti enclosing a copy of the declaration and assignment to Mr. Caporaletti's last known address. Subsequently, I received the 440330-1

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return receipt (see Tab B). The return receipt indicates that the certified letter was delivered to an address that was different from Mr. Caporaletti's last known address, specifically, the certified letter was delivered to 10142 Spring House Ct., Manassas, Virginia 20110, and that someone at that new address signed for the certified letter. I have not received any response from Mr. Caporaletti or any other person regarding Mr. Caporaletti in response to my letter of December 12, 2001 (Tab A).

- 4. On December 12, 2001, I sent a certified letter, return receipt requested, (Certified Label No. 7001 0360 0002 4956 0591) (See Tab C) to William Singleton enclosing a copy of the declaration and assignment to Mr. Singleton's last known address. Subsequently, I received the return receipt (see Tab D). The return receipt indicates that W.C. Singleton signed for the certified letter. Subsequently, Mr. Singleton contacted me to indicate that he did not believe that he was an inventor. I discussed the issue with Mr. Singleton and have concluded that, based on Mr. Singleton's description of his contributions to the invention, that Mr. Singleton did not conceive or contribute to the conception of the claimed subject matter of the above-captioned patent application, and that Mr. Singleton is not an inventor.
- 5. On December 12, 2001, I sent a certified letter, return receipt requested, (Certified Label No. 7001 0360 0002 4956 0614) (See Tab E) to Tex Rubinowitz enclosing a copy of the declaration and assignment to Mr. Rubinowitz's last known address. Subsequently, I received the return receipt (see Tab F). The return receipt indicates that Tex Rubinowitz signed for the certified letter. I have not received any response from Mr. Rubinowitz or any other person regarding Mr. Rubinowitz in response to my letter of December 12, 2001 (Tab E).
- 6. The last known address for the two (2) non-signing inventors is as follows:
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Joseph Caporaletti 10142 Spring House Ct. Manassas, Virginia 20110

Tex Rubinowitz 6115 Clearbrook Dr. Springfield, Virginia 22150

7. Based on the above-described attempts to obtain the signatures, I believe that the non-signing inventors, specifically Joseph Caporaletti and Tex Rubinowitz, are unreachable or have refused to signal the declaration for the above-captioned patent application, and that William Singleton is not an inventor.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

January 14, 2002

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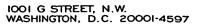
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December 12, 2001





Mr. Joseph Caporaletti 11395 Reid Lane Nokesville, VA 20181

Re:

BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/917,716

Entitled "Mobile Teaching System"

Our Ref: 5131.00003

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